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SUBJECT: OFFSET

1. AT AN APRIL 2 PRESS CONFERENCE, FEDERAL PRESS SPOKESMAN VON WECHMAR INDICATED THAT A DATE HAD NOT YET BEEN FIXED FOR NEW OFFSET DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE US. ACCORDING TO VON WECHMAR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS STILL WAITING FOR AN APPROACH BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BUT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL PROBABLY FLY TO WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE (FOR DISCUSSIONS) ON THIS MATTER. VON WECHMAR SAID THAT IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE US SIDE STILL HAD TO MAKE CERTAIN PREPARATIONS IN VIEW OF THE NEWEST MONETARY CHANGES. IN ADDITION THE OLD AGREEMENT STILL HAD TO RUN TO JUNE 30.

2. DIE WELT FRONT PAGES THE OFFSET STORY AND HEADLINES IT " BONN DESIRES TO AVOID TENSION WITH THE US DURING THE TROOP DISCUSSIONS." ACCORDING TO DIE WELT, PRESIDENT NIXON AND CHANELLOR BRANDT HAVE, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT OF BONN, INSTRUCTED THEIR MINISTERS TO CONDUCT THE
OFFSET DISCUSSIONS ON A FACTUAL BASIS AND WITHOUT
CONTENTIOUSNESS. HILLENBRAND

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